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Secretary

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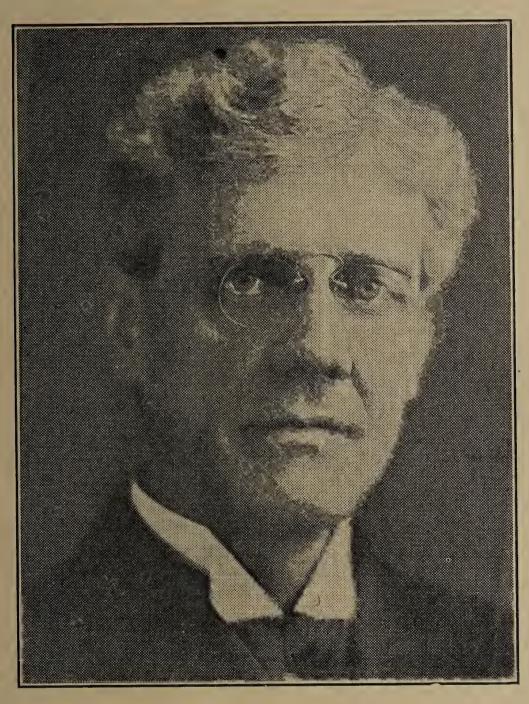
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Sessions of St. Johns River Conferences 1887-1921

NO.	DATE	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
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1	1887	Jacksonville	Foss	H. J. Walker
2	1888	St. Augustine	Mallalieu	W. S. Fitch
3	1889	Eustis	Newman	W. S. Fitch
$\frac{4}{5}$	1890	Orange City Lawtey	Bowman	W. S. Fitch
- 5	1891	Lawtey	Warren	G. E. Shiras
6 7	1892	Jacksonville	Ninde	G. E. Shiras
7	1893	DeLand	Foster	G. E. Shiras
8	$\begin{bmatrix} 1894 \end{bmatrix}$	Eustis	Joyce	G. E. Shiras
9	1895	Daytona	Fowler	J. G. Bonnell
10	1896	Lawtey	Foss	J. G. Bonnell
11	1897	Tarpon Springs	Hurst	J. J. Edwards
12	1898	DeLand	Andrews	J. J. Edwards
13	1899	Eustis	Ninde	R. O Payne
14	1900	Lacksonville	Walden	IJ. B. Hawk
15	1901	St. Augustine	Mallalieú	J. B. Hawk
16	1902	Daytona	Fitzgerald	J. B. Hawk
17	1903	DeLand	Foss	J. B. Hawk
18	1904	Tarpon Springs	Goodsell	Addman Smith
19	$^{'}$ 1905 $^{ }$	Seabreeze	McCabe	Addman Smith
20	1906	St. Augustine	Fowler	Addman Smith
21	1907	St. Petersburg	McDowell	G. F. Scott
22	1908	Jacksonville	Spellmeyer	Addman Smith
23	1909	Miami	Cranston	D. H. Rutter
$\frac{24}{24}$	1910	Eustis		
25	1911	St. Petersburg	Hamilton	Addman Smith
26	1912	St. Petersburg South Jacksonville	Warren	J. H. Elder
27	1913	Daytona	Leete	J. H. Elder
28	1914	Miami	Leete	J. H. Elder
29	1915	Tarpon Springs	Wilson	J. H. Elder
30	1916	St. Augustine	Leete	W J Harkness
31	1917	St. Cloud	Quayle	O. T. Usleman
32	1918	Sebring		
33	1919	Eustis	Rurt	D H Rutter
34	1920	Jacksonville		
35	1921	De Land		
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Officers of the Conference

Resident and Presiding Bishop

Ernest G. Richardson, D.D., LL.D., 63 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Secretary

D. H. Rutter, Ph.D., Daytona Beach, Fla.

Assistant Secretary

D. Stratford Scadeng, Daytona, Fla.

Statistician

W. T. Evans, Fruitland Park, Fla.

Assistant Statistician

R. N. Merrill, Miami, Fla.

Treasurer

William Landiss, St. Cloud, Fla.

Assistant Treasurers

Walter S. Gray, New Smyrna, Fla. Alfred Evenden, Zephyrhills, Fla.

Registar

George H. Northrop, Tarpon Springs, Fla.



Conference Boards

Conference Stewards—L. H. Shumate, J. F. Picard, R N. Merrill, G. N. Northrop, D. S. Scadeng.

Home Mission and Church Extension—Superintendent Jacksonville District, President; E. E. Reynolds, L. H. Shumate, E. L. Housley, S. E. Idleman, C. W. Kinne, Secretary; T. J. Hamil, R. N. Merrill.

Education-F. W. Sessions, D. H. Rutter.

Sunday Schools—District Superintendents, F. N. Lapham, H. W. Davis, J. E. Junkin, J. C. Ericson, H. O. Gates.

Deaconess—1921—T. L. Klutz, J. F. Phillips: 1922—Mrs. L. H. Shumate, Mrs. G. W. Carlin, Mrs. W. W. Swaim: 1923—W. S. Gray, Mrs. S. E. Idleman, E. L. Housley.

Epworth League-Alfred Evenden, D. H. Rutter, R. N. Merrill.

Triers of Appeals—G. H. Northrop, P. S. Merrill, J. F. Pickard, W. T. Evans, E. D. Holtz: (Reserves) D. S. Scadeng, M. Stahl.

Trustees Livingston Memorial Fund—W. S. Ware, President: C. W. Kinne, Secretary-Treasurer, Alexander Hedngren, C. M. Fuller, C. D. Mills, Charles A. Mooney, Frank E. Wood, Fred W. Noble.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon—S. E. Idleman, Lawrence Radcliffe.

Examiners—J. F. Pickard, Chairman: D. H. Rutter, G. H. Northrop, S. E. Idleman, F. N. Lapham, R. N. Merrill, L. H. Shumate, R. A. Carnine.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Auditing-E. L. Housley, F. N. Lapham.

Bible Society—G. W. Carlin, S. E. Lawhon.

Book Concern—W. F. Ernsberger, J. C. Wilson.

Conference Relations—J. F. Pickard, R. A. Carnine, R. N. Merrill. G. H. Northrop, P. S. Merrill, D. S. Scadeng.

Education-O. T. Usleman, E. D. Holtz.

Episcopal Fund-L. H. Shumate, D. S. Scadeng.

Evangelism—E. D. Holtz, W. T. Evans.

Foreign Missions—J. C. Wilson, E. L. Housley, T. L. Klutz.

Freedman's Aid—S. E. Idleman, M. Stahl.

Periodicals—W. W. Vanderhoof, D. H. Rutter.

Public Worship—E. E. Reynolds, L. Radcliffe.

Home Missions-P. S. Merrill, G. H. Northrop.

Resolutions—R. N. Merrill, F. W. Sessions.

Sabbath Observance—H. H. Black, G. W. Carlin.

Temperance—M. D. Fuller, M. M. Reynolds.

Woman's Work-P. S. Merrill, M. Stahl.

Memoirs—D. S. Scadeng, W. S. Gray.

General Findings-E. D. Holtz, E. L. Housley.

Home and Hospitals—P. S. Merrill, D. S. Scadeng, H. W. Davis, L. Z. Burdick.

Treasurer Permanent Fund—C. W. Kinne.

Conference Course of Study

ASSIGNMENT OF WORK

Chairman-J. F. Pickard

Registrar-G. H. Northrop

THEOLOGY

Doctrinal—S. E. Idleman, D. D.
Plain account of Christian Perfection
System of Christian DoctrineScheldon
Selections from writings of John WesleyWelch
Homiletical—R. A. Carnine, D. D.
All written Sermons. The Making of the Sermons
Exegetical—D. H. Rutter, Ph.D.
Dictionary of the Bible
Practical—F. N. Lapham, B. D.
Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1920. Human Behaviour
The Pulpit and the Teacher
The Graded Sunday School in Principal and PracticeMeyer
HISTORY
Sacred—R. N. Merrill
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Sacred—R. N. Merrill Life of John Wesley
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Pastoral Record

Bennett, G. E.—Admitted to Indiana Conference, 1907; twelve years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1917; Tarpon Springs, 1917; Sebring, 1918; South Jacksonville, 1919-20.

Black, Harrison H.—Received on trial St. Johns River Conference 1921; Lawtey, 1921.

Carlin, George W.—Received on trial, Des. Moines Conference, 1908; eight years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1917; homestead, 1917; Eau Gallie and Fellsmere, 1918-1920.

Carnine, R. A.—Received on trial Iowa Conference, 1873; thirty-seven years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1911; District Superintendent Jacksonville District, 1911-1916; St. Petersburg, 1917-1920.

Evans, W. T.—Received on trial Illinois Conference, 1892; nineteen years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1912; Hastings, 1912; Belleview and Candler, 1913-14; Lake Como, 1915-16; South Jacksonville, 1917; Fruitland Park, 1918-20.

Evenden, Alfred.—Received on credential from Baptist Church into St. Johns River Conference in full connection, 1918; Lawtey, 1918-19; Zephyrhills, 1920.

Gray, W. S.—Cincinnati Conference, 1890-1914; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1914; Eustis, 1914-16; transferred to Holston Conference, 1916; Cleveland, Tenn., 1916-18; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1919; New Smyrna, 1919-20.

Housley, Edwin L.—Ordained Deacon North Ohio Conference 1904, Elder Philippine Islands Conference 1908; active service Philippine Island Conference, 1907-1920. Transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1920; South Bay, 1920-21.

Klutz, T. L.—Received on trial Holston Conference, 1907; two years active service; transferred Kansas Conference, 1909; three years active service; transferred to N. W. Iowa Conference, 1912; three years active service; supernumerary. Transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1917; Eau Gallie, 1917; New Smyrna, 1918; Lake Como, 1919-20.

Landiss, William—Received on trial Illinois Conference, 1893; Batchertown, 1893; Kinderhook, 1894; Chapin, 1895; Sy, 1896; located, 1879-1904; readmitted Illinois Conference, 1905; Warrenburg, 1905-06; Dawson, 1907; Morrisonville, 1908; Middletown, 1909-10; Owaneco, 1911-13; Neoga, 1914; St. Johns River Conference, Sept. 10, 1915; New Springfield, 1915-17; Y. M. C. A. war work, 1918-19; St. Cloud, 1920.

Lapham, F. N.—Received in Colorado Conference, 1900; thirteen years active service; transferred St. Johns River Conference, 1913; Hastings, 1913; Zephyrhills, 1914-16; Florida City, 1917-18; Davenport and Taft, 1919; Mt. Dora, 1920.

Lawhon, Samuel E.—Received on trial Kansas Conference 1905; eight years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference 1913; Fort Lauderdale, 1913; Fairfield, 1914; Mt. Dora, 1915-16; Tampa, 1917; Y. M. C. A. War work, 1918-19; Belleview, 1920; South Jackson-ville, 1920-21.

Merrill P. S.—Received in Philadelphia Conference, 1876; thirty-six years active service; transferred St. Johns River Conference, 1912;

Miami, 1912-1918; retired, 1919. Made effective, 1920; Sebring, 1920-21.

- Merrill, R. N.—Received on trial Philadelphia Conference, 1905; three years active service; transferred to Erie Conference, 1907; nine years active service; transferred to St. John's River Conference, 1917; Miami, 1917-21.
- Northrop, G. H.—Received on trial Wyoming Conference, 1892; five years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1897; Okahumka and Fruitland Park, 1897-1902; Eustis and Mt. Dora, 1902-05; Tarpon Springs, 1905-12; Lawtey, 1912-13; St. Cloud, 1914-17; Tarpon Springs, 1918-21.
- Pickard, J. F.—Received on trial in Northern Minnesota Conference, 1895; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1915; Fairfield, Jacksonville, 1915-16; Daytona, 1917-19; St. Augustine, 1920-21.
- Phillips, J. F.—Received into New England Conference, 1909; Newburyport, 1909-11; Natick, 1912-13; Everett, 1914-17; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1918; Daytona Beach, 1918-19; Leave of absence, 1920; Wilson & Heath, 1921.
- Rader, Luther S.—Received on trial East Ohio Conference, 1882; nine years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference . 1891; Presiding Elder Eustis District, 18981-95; Jacksonville, Trinty, 1895-97; St. Augustine, 1898-1902; Jacksonville District, 1902-08; Miami, 1908-12; Fort Lauderdale, 1912-13; Miami District, 1914-19; Everglades Mission District, 1920, Retired, 1921.
- Reynolds, E. E.—Received on trial in Vermont Conference, 1888; seven years active service; transferred to New Hampshire Conference, 1895; twenty years active service; supernumerary 1916; transferred 1917 to St. Johns River Conference; Cocoanut Grove, 1917-19; Superintendent Miami District, 1920-21.
- Rutter, D. H.—Received on trial West Virginia Conference, 1901; Six years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1907; Daytona, 1907-10; transferred to Pittsburg Conference, 1910; two years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1911; Daytona, 1911-13; St. Augustine, 1914-19; Daytona Beach, 1920-21.
- Scadeng, David S.—Received on trial North Dakota Conference, 1905; nine years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1914; Hastings, 1914-18; Y. M. C. A. War work, 1918-19; Winter Park, 1919; Daytona, 1920-21.
- Treadwell, J. J.—Received on trial St. Johns River Conference, 1910; South Jacksonville, 1910-12; New Smyrna, 1912-14; Daytona Beach, 1915-17; transferred to Georgia Conference, 1918; Atlanta, 1919; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1919; Superintendent, Jacksonville District, 1920-21.
- Usleman, O. T.—Received on trial St. Louis Conference, 1904; two years active service; transferred to Holston Conference, 1905; six years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1912; Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, 1912-13; Fort Lauderdale, 1914-15; New Smyrna, 1916; Fairfield, Jacksonville, 1917; Anti-Saloon Superintendent, 1918-20; Livingston Memorial, (Jacksonville,) 1921.
- Wilson, Jonathan C.—Received on trial Kansas Conference, 1903; seventeen years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1920; Eustis, 1920-21.

Conference Roll

Name	Address	Pre	esent Relation	Order
Bennett, G. E.,	Rome, Georgia		Effective	Elder
Carlin, G. W.,	Eau Gallie		Effective	Elder
Carnine, R. A.	, St. Petersburg	*	Effective	Elder
Carter, Wm. J.	, Homestead	,	Supernumerary	Elder
Dibble, J. C.,	Winter Park		Effective	Elder
Evans, W. T.,	Fruitland Park		Effective	Elder,
Evenden, Alfre	ed, Zephyrhills	•	Effective	Elder
Gray, Walter S	S., New Smyrna	•	Effective	Elder
Holtz, Earl D.,	Cocoanut Grove		Effective	Elder
Idleman, S. E.,	, Jacksonville		Effective	Elder
Kendall, N. H.	, Fellsmere	_	Effective	Elder
Klutz, T. L., I	Lake Como		Effective	Elder
Landiss, William	m, Saint Cloud		Effective	Elder
Lapham, F. N.,	Mt. Dora		Effective	Elder
Lawhon, S. E.,	South Jacksonville		Effective	Elder
Merrill, P. S.,	Sebring		Effective	Elder
Merrill, R. N.,	Miami		Effective	Elder
Northrop, G. H	I., Tarpon Springs		Effective	Elder
Phillips, J. F.	Wilson		Effective	Elder
Pickard, J. F.,	St. Augustine		Effective	Elder
Radcliffe, Lawre	ence, De Land		Effective	Elder
Rader, Luther	S., Miami		Retired	Elder
Reynolds, E. E	L., Cocoanut Grove		Effective	Elder
Rutter, D. H. D	aytona Beach		Effective	Elder
Scadeng, D. S.,	Daytona		Effective	Elder
Sessions, F. W.,	Jacksonville		Effective	Elder
Shumate, L. H.	, Tampa		Effective	Elder
Stahl, M., Lak	e Worth		Retired	Elder
Treadwell, J. J	., St. Augustine		Effective	Elder
Usleman, O. T.	•		Effective	Elder
Wilson, J. C.,			Effective	Elder

PROBATIONERS

Black, Harrison H.—Lawtey, in studies of the Frst Year. Note:—All addresses other than noted are in Flor da.

Appointments

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT

J. J. Treadwell, Superintendent, St. Augustine, Florida.	(3)
Belleview and Candler(W. E. Searles)	(1)
Davenport and Brown Chapel(C. W. Stephan)	(1)
EustisJ. C. Wilson	(2)
Fruitland Park and OkahumpkaW. T. Evans	(4)
HastingsJ. R. Hoch	(1)
Jacksonville	
FairfieldF. W Sessions	(2)
" Livingston Memorial	. (1)
" Perry Avenue and Arlington(M. M. Reynolds)	(1)
"Snyder MemorialS. E. Idleman	(2)
South JacksonvilleS. E. Lawhon	(2)
Lake Como Circuit	(3)
Lawtey	-(1)
Mt. DoraF. N. Lapham	(2)
Oldsmar(B. F. Sheffer)	(1)
Orlando(M. D. Fuller)	(1)
Pot Richey(A. Yingat)	(1)
St. AugustineJ. F. Pickard	(2)
St. Cloud	(2)
St. PetersburgR. A. Carnine	(5)
Sebring	(2)
Taft(M. F. Collier)	(1)
Tarpon SpringsG. H. Northrop	(4)
Winter ParkJ. B. Dibble	(1)
ZephyrhillsAlfred Evenden	(3)
MIAMI DISTRICT	
E. E. Reynolds, Superintendent, Cocoanut Grove, Florida.	(2)
Allapata(C. J. Ericson)	(2)
Cocoanut Grove(Earl D. Holtz)	(2)
Coronado(W. Sk Gray)	(3)
Davie(William Thompson)	(2)
DaytonaD. S. Scadeng	(2).
Daytona BeachD. H. Rutter	(2)
De LandL. Radcliffe	(4)
Eau GallieG. W. Carlin	(4)
Fellsmere	
Florida City(E. J. Getman)	(2)
Fort Lauderdale(William Thompson)	
HomesteadC. J. Hammitt	
Indian River City and Géorgiana (G. W. Carlin)	(4)

Lakeworth(D. C. Thatcher)	(1)			
Larkin(Robert Smylie)	(1)			
Melbourne(W. F. Ernsberger)	(2)			
MiamiR. N. Merrill	(5)			
New SmyrnaW. S. Gray	(3)			
Orange City(L. Radcliffe)	(4)			
Redlands(C. J. Hammitt)	(1)			
Rock Harbor(E. J. Getman)	(2)			
Wabasso(N. H. Kendall)	(1)			
West Palm Beach(J. F. Forrest)	(1)			
Wilson and HeathJ. F. Phillips	(1)			
TAMPA DISTRICT				
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L. H. Shumate, Superintendent, Tampa, Florida.				
Fort Myers CircuitPerry E. Ramsey	(1)			
Gulf Circuit(E, J. Connally)	(1)			
Moore Haven Circuit(Perry McClenahan)	(1)			
Moore Haven,				
Ritta,				
Bare Beach, and Nine Mile Point.	, ,			
South Bay CircuitE. L. Housley	(2)			
Canal Point,	-			
Hillsborough, Okeelanta and St. Lucie Canal				
Tampa(To be supplied)				
Tampa(10 be supplied)				
SPECIAL APPOINTMENT				
G. E. Bennett, Executive Secretary, Boy ScoutsRome, Geo	rgia.			
Nots:-Names enclosed in parenthesis are supplies. Numerals	s in-			
dicate years on present appointment.				



Disciplinary Questions and Answers

1. Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline?

Yes.

- 2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?
- S. E. Idleman, Genesee; Francis W. Sessions, Genesee; Jonathan C. Wilson, Kansas; Edwin L. Housley, Philippin'e Islands; Nelson H. Kendall, Michigan; James B. Dibble, South Dakota; C. J. Hammitt, Alabama.
 - 3 Who have been Readmitted? None.
- 4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

Harry H. Ramsey, M. E. Ch. South.

- 5. Who have been Received on Trial?
 - (a) In Studies of First Year? Harrison H. Black
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule? None.
- 6. Who have been Continued on Trial?
 - (a) In Studies of First Year? None.
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year None.
 - (c) In Studies of Third Year? None.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year? None.
- 7. Who have been Discontinued? None.
- 8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year? None.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously? None.
- 9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year
 - (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year? None.
 - (b) Admitted into Full Membership Previously? None.
- 10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? None.
- 11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? Elected and Ordained Elders this year? None.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously None.
 - (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule? None.
- 12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
 - (a) As Local Preachers? None.
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule? None.
 - (c) Under the Seminary Rule? None.

- 13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders
 - (a) As Local Deacons? None.
 - (b) Under M ssionary Rule? None.
- 14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done in open Conference, and the name of each preacher was called and his character passed.

15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?
Samuel A. Keen, Genesee; E. H. Hammond, Genesee; R. F. Porter, Kansas; Hannibal C. Taylor, Alabama; Paul Brasher, Alabama; Raymond, J. Derr, Georgia; Charles G. Nelson, N. Indiana.

16. Who have Died? Geo. W. Butler.

17. Who have been Located at their own Request None.

18. Who have been Located? None.

19. Who have Withdrawn? None.

20. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

21. Who have been Expelled? None.

- 22. What other personal Notation should be made?
 - (1) William L. Leisher.
 - (2) E. P. Hughes.
- 23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?

 William J. Carter (1).
 - 24. Who are the Retired Ministers?

 Luther S. Rader, McKendree Stahl.
 - 25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

 Philip S. Merrill, G. H. Northrop, William T. Evans, Earl D. Holtz. Reserves: David S. Scadeng, McKendree Stahl.
- 26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home missions and Church Extension?
- 27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?
 - 28. What is the Statistical Report? See the Statistician's Report.
- 29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report? See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

- 30. (a) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$37,439.
- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$7,890.

- 32. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?

 For Annuity Distribution, 229 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$17.60 per year, \$4,030 For Necessitous distribution, \$500. Total, \$4,530.
- 32. What has been Received on these Claims?

 From the Book Concern, \$590; From Annual Conf. Investments,——; From the Chartered Fund, \$35; From Pastoral Charges, \$2,404; From the Board of Conf. Claimants, \$500. Total, \$3,559.

 (b) How has it been Applied?
- 33. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants. (¶ 336.)

6 per cent of Pastors' cash salary, 1921.

- 34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief? \$88.00.
 - 35. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See List of Appointments.
 - 36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?

 Left for District Superintendents to decide.



Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY

DeLand, Florida., January 12, 1921.

Opening Service.—The thirty-fifth session of the St. Johns River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in the First Church at De Land Florida, at nine o'clock, Bishop E. G. Richardson, D. D. LL.D. presiding.

Hymn No. 143 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," was sung after which the Bishop called on Bro. E. E. Reynolds to lead the Conference in prayer and then read Phill. 1-3 upon which verse he delivered a brief but interesting address.

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper—The Bishop assisted by the Distrist Superintendents and Pastor, Lawrence Radeliffe, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll Call—D. H. Rutter, the secretary of the last preceding Conference called the roll and the following brethern responded: G. W. Carlin, R. A. Carnine, W. T. Evans, Alfred Evendon, Walter S. Gray, Earl D. Holtz, William Landiss, F. N. Lapham S. E. Lawhon, P. S. Merrill, R. N. Merrill, G.H. Northrup, J. F. Phillips, J. F. Packard, Lawrnce Radcliffe, L. S. Rader, E. E. Reynolds, D. H. Rutter, D. S. Scadeng, L. H. Shumate, M. Stahl, J. J. Treadwell, O. T. Usleman, S. E. Idleman, F. W. Sessions, E. L. Housley.

Deceased—The Conference stood while the name of G. W. Butler was called, and prayer was offered by L. S. Rader,

Organization—D. H. Rutter was re-elected secretary and by consent of the Conference, named D. S. Scadeng his assistant: William Landiss was elected treasurer, and he appionted W. S. Gray and Alfred Evenden as assistants. W. T. Evans was re-elected Statistician and named as his assistant, R. N. Merrill.

Press Reporter—O. T. Usleman was elected press reporter.

Post Master—Lawrence Radcliffe was elected post master.

Book Concern Accounts—F. N. Lapam was elected collector for the Book Concern.

Advocate Journal Agent—R. A. Carnine was elected to act as agent for the Advocate Journal.

Conference Bar—By vote, the first six rows of pews were constituted the bar of the Conference.

Conference Hours—The hour of opening the session was fixed at nine and the time for closing at 12.

Question 2—"Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference" was asked. S. E. Idleman from Genesee Conference; F. W. Sessions from Genesee Conference; J. C. Wilson from Kansas Conference; E. L. Housley from Philippine Island Conference.

Standing Committees-The District Superintendents nominated the

Standing Committees and the Boards and they were elected. (See list.)

Question 15.—"Who have been transferred and to what Conference; was asked. S. A. Keen, to Genesee Conference; E. H. Hammond to Genesee Conference; R. F. Porter to Kansas Conference; H. C. Taylor (Probationer) to Alabama Conference; Paul Brasher to Alabama Conference; R. J. Derr to Georg'a Conference; C. C. Nelson to N. Indiana Conference.

Question 1—"Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the discipline?" was asked. It is.

Question 14—"Was the character of each preacher examined?" was asked. The name of E. E. Reynolds was called, his character was passed, and he read his report of the Miami District. The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their work: Earl D. Holtz, W. S. Gray, D. S. Scadeng, D. H. Rutter, Lawrence Radcliffe, W. G. Carlin, M. Stahl, R. N. Merrill. Also the following supplies reported their work: C. G. Ericson, William Ernsberger and William Thompson.

Request for Retirement—M. Stahl requested that the Conference grant him the retired relation. On motion of E. E. Reynolds the District Superintendent, his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

District Superintendents Reports—By vote of the Conference the District Superintendents were granted three pages each in the Official Minutes for their reports.

Introductions—The following were introduced to the Conference: O. N. Maxon, Des Moines Conference; N. J. Hawley, Wyoming Conference; N. H. Kendall, Michigan Conference; William Thompson, New Hampshire Conference; N. B. Fisk, New England Conference; C. W. Stephan, W. Va. Conference; J. S. Lean, Wisconsin Conference; Wm. Ernsberger, W. Ohio Conference; E. L. Housley, W. E. Serles, F. W. Sessions, S. E. Idleman, A. S. Hunter, Pittsburg Conference; L. M. Reynolds, N. Indiana Conference; J. B. Crippen, Georgia Conference; E. J. Hammond, Georgia Conference; David C. Thatcher, New Englands Southern Conference.

Announcements—The announcements were made by the Pastor.

Benediction—The secretary pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY

January 13, 1921.

Devotional Exercises—At 9 A.M. Bishop Richardson took the chair and announced Hymn No. 357, "Forever Here My Rest Shall Be," which was sung after which, Dr. C. W. Prettyman led the Conference in prayer.

Approval of The Journal.—The journal of Wednesday's session was read and approved.

Pastor's Reports.—On motion of D. S. Scadeng, all matters referring to reports of circuits and charges were ordered deleted from the minutes.

Constitutional Changes .- On motion of W. S. Gray, the time for the

consideration of the proposed Constitutional changes was set for 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Auditors—The District Superintendents nominated F. N. Lapham and E. L. Housley auditors and they were elected.

Question 14 Resumed.—The name of J. J. Treadwell was called, his character was passed and he read his report of the Jacksonville District.

The following Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their work: W. E. Searles, J. C. Wilson, W. T. Evans, M. M. Reynolds, S. E. Idleman, S. E. Lawhon, T. L. Klutz, F. N. Lapham, L. H. Shumate, J. F. Pickard, William Landiss, R. A. Carnine, P. S. Merrill, G. H. Northrop, Alfred Evenden, H. H. Black and W. W. Vanderhoff, supplies, reported their work. Superintendent, Treadwell reported the Hastings work and William Landiss reported the St. Cloud Circuit work.

Book Editor.—Dr. David G. Downey, Book Editor, was introduced and represented the interests of the Book Concern.

Drafts.—Dr. Downey presented two drafts from the Book Concern, one for \$442.50 being the regular dividend and \$147.50, extra dividends; also one for \$35.00 from the Chartered Fund which on motion of D. S. Scadeng, were received and ordered placed in the Treasurer's hands.

Conservation Representative.—Rev. William H. Neil, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Conservation and Advance was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Adjourned Session.—On motion of D. S. Scadeng, an adjourned session was called for 2:30 P. M. to hear Bishop Richardson's address.

Question 14 Resumed.—The name of Dr. L. S. Rader was called, his character passed and he read his report of the Eeverglades District.

The following Elders were called, their chacters passed and they reported their work: E. L. Housley and O. T. Usleman.

Tampa Church Funds.—By vote of Conference, the money acquired from the sale of our property in Tampa and now held by C. W. Kinne, Treasurer of the Conference Board of Trustees, was made available for reopening work in said City.

Announcements.—The Pastor made the announcements.

Conference Board of Stewards.—S. E. Idleman and W. S. Gray were added to the Board of Stewards.

Instructions.—Dr. William Fielder of the Alabama Conference and President of Boaz Seminary, J. F. Forrest of the New England Conference, Dr. Robert J. Carson of the Philadelphia Conference and Miss Clementina Butler were introduced to the Conference.

Benediction.—The Benediction was pronounced by Dr. E. J. Hammond, Centenary Secetary of the Atlanta Area.

ADJOURNED SESSION

Wednesday afternoon

The Bishop announced Hymn No. 312, "Oh, Happy Day," which was sung and prayer was offered by F. W. Sessions.

Bishop's Address—Bishop Richardson addressed the Conference giving personal reminiscences covering his definite Christian experience.

his call to the ministry and his divine appointment to the Episcopacy. Closing—The session was closed by prayer offered by W. S. Gray.

THIRD DAY

Devotional Services.—At 9 A. M. B'shop Richardson announced Hymn No. 336, "My Gracious Lord I Own Thy Right to Every Service I Can Pay," which was sung. Dr. M. D. Fuller lead the conference in

Journal.—The journal of yesterday's sessions was read and approved.

Memorial.—The following memorial was read: "To the St. Johns River Conference at De Land, Fla. The Quarterly Conference of the Methodists Episcopal Church of Lake Worth, Fla., hereby respectfully memoralizes the St. Johns River Conference to change the time of its sessions from mid-winter to either a fall or spring date. We request such change of date for the following reason: The session comimpossible for many towns to entertain the conference that could do so easily if the session was held either before or after the tourist season. This request is adopted by the Fourth Quarterly Conference held this day, December 15, 1920, at Lake Worth, Fla.

Signed, E. E. Reynolds, District Superintendent; H. W. Thurber, Secretary.'' ing in January when the tourists season is at its height renders it

Considering Date of Conference.—By vote of conference it was made the order of the day immediately following the reading of the minutes tomorrow, to consider change of time of the meeting of the conference.

Question 2 Resumed.—The Bishop announced the transfer of Neison H. Kendall from the Michigan Conference to this Conference. Brother Kendall was introduced to the Conference.

Episcopal Fund.—The apportionment of the Episcopal Fund was received and referred to the District Superintendents for distribution among the districts.

Question 25.—"Who are the triers of appeals," was asked. P. S. Merrill, G. H. Northrop, J. F. Pickard, W. T. Evans, E. D. Holtz (Reserves) D. S. Scadeng, M. Stahl.

Excused—Dr. P. S Merrill was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of Conference.

Draft.—A draft for \$500.00 was received from the Board of Conference Claimants and ordered placed in the hands of the Conference Treasurer for proper distribution.

John H. Snead, Seminary Representative.—Rev. William Fielder, D. D. President of John H. Snead Seminary was introduced and he addressed the Conference in the interest of that school.

Conference Examiners.—The Bishop announced the following to constitute the Board of examiners: D. H. Rutter, G. H. Northrop, S. E. Idleman, F. N. Lapham, R. N. Merrill, L. H. Shumate, J. F. Pickard, R. A. Carnine.

Question 3.—"Who have been readmitted," was asked. None.

Question 6.—"Who have been continued on trial," was asked.

- (a) In studies of the First year? None.
- (b) In studies of the Second year? None.
- (c) In studies of the Third year? None.
- (d) In studies of the Fourth year? None.

Question 7.—"Who have been discontinued," was asked. None.

Question 8.—"Who have been admitted into Full Membership," was asked.

- (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year? None.
- (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously? None.

Question 9.—"What Memebers are in studies of the Third year?"

- (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year? None.
- (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously? None.

Question 10.—"What Members are in studies of the Fourth year," was asked. None.

Question 11.—"What Members have completed the Conference of Study," was asked.

- (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year? None.
- (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously? None.
- (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under Seminary Rule? None.

Question 12.—"What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons," was asked.

- (a) As Local Preachers? None.
- (b) Under the Missionary Rule? None.

Question 13.—"What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders," was asked.

- (a) As Local Deacons? None.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule? None.

Question 19 .- "Who have Withdrawn," was asked. None.

Question 20.—"Who have been permitted to Withdraw under charges or complaints," was asked. None.

Question 21.—"Who have been Expelled," was asked. None

Question.22.—"What other personal notation should be made," was asked.

On the representation of the D'strict Superintendent E. E. Reynolds, and the recommendation of the Wabasso Charge the orders of W. L. Leisher as a local Elder were recognized.

Commission on Boundary.—By action of the Conference the Bishop appointed J. J. Treadwell, S. E. Idleman, J. F. Pickard, S. E. Lawhon and D. H. Rutter, a Commission, to confer with a similar body from the Georgia Conference as to the status of the Verde and Macadonia appointments in this State.

Order of The Day.—The Bishop explained the proposed constitutional amendments. The vote was then taken on paragraph 619 entitled "change of quarterly to local conference" with the following result: For concurrance 9: non-concurrance 17.

Bishop R. J. Cooke, D.D., LL.D., was introduced

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and upon the invitation of Bishop Richardson occupied the chair and presided over the conference.

The vote on paragraph 620 entitled "Lay membersh p in Annual Conference," was taken. For concurrance, none; non-concurrance 22.

Bishop Richardson's Address.—Bishop Richardson delivered an enlightening address on the subject of tithing, using as text Malachi third chapter tenth verse, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse etc."

Dr. S. J. Greenfield.—Dr. S. J. Greenfield was introduced and represented the Board of Conference Claimants.

Conference Endowment Fund Committee.—The following motion was made by R. H. Carnine "that a committee consisting of the District Superintendents, R. N. Merrill, D. H. Rutter, and J. F. Pickard formulate a plan to enlarge our Conference Claimants Fund, and report at the next session of conference." This was amended by requiring the committee to report at the present session. The motion as amended was carried.

Disposition of Residue Funds.—G. W. Carlin was authorized to turn over funds remaining from last conference, amounting to \$6.69 to the treasurer of our Annual Conference Permanent Fund, and similar permission was granted J. J. Treadwell with regard to \$2.07 remaining in his possession.

Announcements.—Announcements were made by the Pastor and others. Bishop Richardson resumed the chair.

Introductions.—Dr. C. C. Wilbur and Dr. Liston H. Pearce of Central New York Conference; A. E. Hall, New England Southern Conference; E. R. Brown, Kansas Conference; Walter Canham, Maine Conference; E. F. Connolly and A. M. Hammond, West Virginia Conference; J. R. Hoch, C. A. Bucks, Rock River Conference; Geo. O. Howe, Vermont Conference; D. Stoker, Central New York, were introduced.

AFTERNOON SESSION--2 P. M.

Joint Session.—C. W. Kinne, chairman of the Lay Electoral Conference presided. Hymn 493, "My Soul Be On Thy Guard," was sung and prayer was offered by O. T. Usleman. Mr. Kinne delivered a very interesting address on the history of the St. Johns River Conference and of its original ministers. The Bishop spoke on the power and cooperation of the laity, and C. D. Mills closed the session with prayer.

FOURTH DAY

Saturday, January 15, 1921

Opening.—At 9 A. M., Bishop Richardson took the chair and announced Hymn No. 540, "O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth," which was sung. Prayer was offered by Dr. Stahl.

Order of The Day.—The order of the day was called to consider the change of meeting of our Conference. (See Memorial No. 1 on preceeding page.)

Memorial No. 2.—"Resolved, That the Board of Bishops be requested to select a time for the meeting of the St. Johns River Conference.

Conference, annually, beginning with the next session of Conference, between the First of September and the First of December.'' Signed, W. S. Gray; W. T. Evans.

Memorial No. 3.—"The Members of the St. Johns River Annual Conference in session assembled in De Land, Fla., do most earnestly and respectfully petition the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a change in the time of holding the sessions of the St. Johns River Conference from the month of January to the month of April, three months (one quarter) later."

J. J. Treadwell.—The Memorials as above were considered; as also was a substitute for the whole offered by R. N. Merrill; an amendment to which, offered by E. D. Holtz to request the Board of Bishops to change the time to October was lost; as also were the votes upon the three memorials; the substitute by R. N. Merrill being finally adopted, as follows: "that the Board of Bishops be requested to set the time of the meeting of the St. Johns River Conference between the First of May and the First of November of each year."

Committee to Report on The Permanent Fund.—R. N. Merrill moved that a committee be appointed to report concerning the trustees of the Permanent Fund, which motion prevailed. The committee appointed by the chair is as follows: District Superintendents, R. A. Carnine, R. N. Merrill, D. H. Rutter.

*Bishop Richardson's Address.—The Bishop delivered an address from Matthew First Chapter, 21 verse, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save h's people from their sins."

Board of Hospitals and Homes.—Rev. N. E. Davis D. D. Secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes was introduced and he represented the Board.

Livingston Mission Fund Report.—Charles W. Kinne, Secretary and Treasurer, of the Livingston Mission Fund read his report and on motion, it was received. (See report.)

Deeding of Certain Property.—On motion of J. J. Treadwell, the Conference granted permission for the Trustees of the Livingston Mission Fund to deed back to the local Trustees at Fairfield, Jacksonville, such lots as were necessary for the purpose of building a parsonage. Like permission was granted in the case of the Trustees at Homestead, and if necessary in the case of the Trustees at Lake Worth.

Annual Conference Permanent Fund.—C. W. Kinne was elected custodian of the Annual Conference Permanent funds and empowered to invest the same.

Question 4.—" Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches," was asked. Harry H. Ramsey, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and admitted to our Church as an Elder.

Question 2 Resumed.—J. B. Dibble, from the South Dakota Conference.

Referred to The Committee on Conference Relations.—The case of W. J. Carter was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for possible change of relation.

Question 36.—"Where shall the next Conference be held," was asked. At St. Cloud, Florida, providing the date set is satisfactory:

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otherwise the matter is left in the hands of the District-Superintendents.

Announcements.—Lawrence Radcliffe, the Pastor made the announcements.

Closing.—The Benediction was given by Bishop R. J. Cooke.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2 P. M. the Bishop took the chair and announced Hymn No. 171, '(Hail, thou once despised Jesus.'' which was sung. G. W. Carlin led the Conference in prayer.

Question 32.—"What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied," was asked.

From	the Book Concern the Chartered Fund Board of Conference Pastoral Charges	Claimants	$\begin{array}{c} 35 \\ 500 \end{array}$
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Question 33.—"What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants," was asked. Six per cent of pastor's cash salary for 1921.

Question34.—"What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Relief," was asked. \$88.00.

Relief of Necessitious Cases.—By vote of Conference permission was granted to the Board of Conference Stewards to relieve any necessitious cases which might arise before the next session of Conference from the balance in hand.

Question 22 Resumed.—On recommendation of the Conference Relations Committee, the Orders of E. J. Hughes as an Elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church were recognized and he was received as a Local Elder into our Church.

Question 23.—"Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation," was asked. William J. Carter. (1)

Permanent Fund Committee's Report.—The following was submitted and adopted by vote of the Conference: "(1) That we urge all our pastors to present the claims of the Retired Ministers Permanent Fund to their congregations on or before Palm Sunday 1921, urging our people to do their utmost to increase the amount during the Conference year.

(2) We request that this committee be continued to study the successful plans of other Conferences for raising Permanent funds, and that after such study the committee devise such a plan as may seem to them to be best suited to the needs of the St. Johns River

Conference; which plan shall be presented for consideration at our next session."

Resolution to President-Elect Harding.—The following resolution was adopted: "That the Members of the St. Johns River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church commend the stand of President Elect Harding and the act of Congress with regard to simplicity and economy in connection with the inaugural ceremonies. And that a copy of this resolution be sent by telegram to the President elect." Signed, R. A. Carnine, F. W. Sessions.

Request to Livingston Mission Board.—The following resolution presented by William Landiss was adopted by vote of the Conference: "That the Annual Conference respectfully request the District Superintendents be invited to be present at the session of the Livingston M ssion Board whenever practicable."

Rules of Order.—A committee on Rules of Order consisting of E. E. Reynolds, D. H. Rutter and D. S. Scadeng was appointed.

Election of Treasurer and Statistician.—The Conference elected William Landiss, Treasurer and W. T. Evans Statistician, for the next session of the Annual Conference.

Reports.—A motion was made and carried that all reports of standing committees be received without reading and edited by the secretary.

Church Location Committee.—The following were elected committees on Church location: Jacksonville District; C. W. Kinne, C. D. Mills, C. D. Hammond, R. A. Carnine, W. T. Evans, J. E. Pickard: Miami District; E. E. Reynolds, R. N. Merrill, D. H. Rutter, J. J. Conklin, C. A. Randall, L. S. Rader, W. H. Thurber.

Reconsideration.—A motion was made and carried to reconsider the question of change of time of meeting of the Annual Conference. And on motion, the entire question was referred to the Board of Bishops.

Official Journal.—On motion the Secretary was authorized to edit and publish the minutes and that the same be the official record of the Conference.

Centenary Program.—The Conference voted as follows: "That we express our approval of, and adopt the regular Centenary program.

Epworth League Institute.—The following committee was appointed to secure an Epworth League Institute for Florida: W. F. Sessions, R. N. Merrill, S. E. Lawhon, C. B. Allen, Miss Wilma Davis.

Instructions to Resolution Committee.—It was moved by J. J. Treadwell and seconded by D. H. Rutter that in view of the fact that Dr. L. S. Rader has taken the retired relation, after many years of faithful service, the Resolutions committee embody in their report our sincere appreciation of those services and our regret that his retirement seems necessary on account of failing health, which motion prevailed.

Question 24.—"Who are the Retired Ministers," was asked. Luther S. Rader, McKendree Stahl.

Adjournment.—Motion to adjourn until tomorrow after the evening service was made by W. T. Evans and adopted.

Closing.—Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Richardson,

FIFTH DAY

Sunday, January 16, 1921

Opening—Evening Session.—Bishop Richardson took the chair.

Journal.—It was moved and carried that the Secretary edit the Journal without further reading of the minutes.

Question 2 Resumed.—The transfer of C. J. Hammitt was aunounced.

Request to The West Chio Conference.—On motion of E. E. Reynolds this Conference requests the West Ohio Conference to change the relation of W. F. Ernsberger from the Retired relation to the Effective relation in order that he may later be transferred to this Conference.

Special Appointment.—By unanimous vote of the Conference, the Bishop was requested to appoint G. E. Bennett Executive Secretary of the Boy Scouts and station him at Rome, Georgia, with which request, he complied.

Resolutions.—F. W. Sessions read the report of the Committee on Resolutions which on motion of E. E. Reynolds, was adopted. (See report.)

Adjournment.—On motion of D. H. Rutter, the Conference voted to adjourn after the reading of the appointments.

Appointments.—After a brief, spir'tual address, Bishop Richardson read the appointments. (See list.)

Adjournment.—After offering prayer, the Bishop adjourned the Conference sine die.

E. G. RICHARDSON, President.

D. H. RUTTER, Secretary.



Anniversaries and Special Days

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1921.

7:30 P. M.—Address, Bishop E. G. Richardson, D. D., LL.D.

Wednesday, Jan. 12.

- 2:30 P. M.—Address, Rev. W. H. Neil, D. D.
- 3:30 P. M.—Anniversary Woman's Home Mission Society. Address: Rev. J. S. Lean, D. D.
- 7:30 P. M.—Missionary Sermon, Rev. E. E. Reynolds.
- 8:30 P. M.—Missionary Address, Rev. W. H. Neil, D. D.

Thursday, Jan. 13.

- 2:30 P. M.—Address, Rev. W. H. Neil, D. D.
- 3:30 P. M.—Anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

 Address, Miss Clementina Butler.
- 4:30 P. M.—Preachers' Wives Association.
- 7:30 P. M.—Stereopticon Lecture, Dr. E. J. Hammond.

Friday, Jan. 14.

- 10:00 A. M.—Lay Electoral Conference.
- 10:30 A. M.—Address, Bishop Richardson.
- 2:00 P. M.—Joint Session of Ministers and Laymen. Address: C. W. Kinne and Bishop Richardson.
- 3:00 P. M.—Round Table Conference: Dr. E. J. Hammond, Presiding.
- 7:30 P. M.-Lecture: Bishop R. J. Cooke, D. D., LL.D.

Saturday, Jan. 15.

7:30 P. M.—Address: Rev. William Fielder, D.D.

Sunday, Jan. 16.

- 10:00 A. M.—Love Feast, conducted by Dr. L. S. Rader.
- 11:00 A. M.—Conference Sermon—Bishop E. G. Richardson, D.D., LL.D.
- 3:00 P. M.—Memorial Service.

 Address: G. H. Northrop, R. A. Carnine, D. D. D. H. Rutter, Ph. D.
- 7:00 P. M.—Anniversary of the Epworth League.
 Address: R. N. Merrill.
- 8:00 P. M.—Foreign Missionary Anniversary.

 Address: E. L. Housley.

Reports of District Superintendents

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT

J. J. Treadwell, Superintendent

Mr. President and Brethern:

The year 1920 has been characterized by many changes in pastors but will show by reports an advancement along all lines.

Shortly after the close of the last session of the annual conference the Rev. R. F. Porter began negotations with the Rev. J. C. Wilson of Ottawa, Kansas conference, looking to an exchange. The exchange was made and at once brother Wilson grasped the work and being a man of wide experience was soon felt in the church and community and he comes to conference with an excellent report. The call of home sometimes becomes so strong that even strong men yield and such was the case of Dr. W. B. Christie at the last session of conference was appointed to Hastings. Coming to Florida from Missouri and having a detightful charge offered him in his home conference he left in April. Hastings is one charge where competent and loyal laymen work and so the work has been carried on and reports from the charge show all claims for ministerial support paid in full and a good many other claims met.

In May the Rev. H. C. Taylor, pastor at Lawtey, suffered a collapse and had to retire for a while from active work. He returned to his home in Alabama and the Rev. M. J. Brown, a Local Preacher of Idaho was secured and the work at once responded to his ministry and there is a unanimous call for his return next year. Between the pastorates of Taylor and Brown the people of the church spent almost \$1,000.00 in repairing and renovating the interior of the church.

The Rev. G. E. Bennett of South Jacksonville decided to leave the pastorate and the Rev. S. E. Lawhon was moved from Belleview charge to South Jacksonville. Within three weeks of the coming of the new pastor the sunday school reached the record attendance and all other organizations felt his coming and responded. Brother Lawhon had previously wrought an excellent work at Belleview and he continued the same kind of work at South Jacksonville and his reports will be a delight to his membership. The church is in excellent shape. South Jacksonville had always received Missionary help but at the first Quarterly Conference I challenged the conference to give up the missionary help and to be self supporting. They accepted my challenge and to make the job complete added \$500.00 to the pastor's salary.

The Rev. E. H. Hammond of Fairfield in Jacksonville, exchanged with the Rev. F. W. Sessions of the Gennessee conference. Sessions came with the highest recommendations from his bishop and he has fully vindicated the claims. His District Superintendent said "Sessions is a planner and a builder" and already plans are drawn for the erection of a commodious parsonage and during the coming year it will be transferred from the paper to the ground.

Snyder Memorial, our church in Jacksonville, "In the heart of the city," felt an exchange also. The Rev. S. A. Keen exchanged with Dr. S. E. Idleman, of Rochester, New York. Dr. Idleman has already made

his presence felt in that great throbbing business-tourist city and as the years come his presence will be more felt by the community. Dr. Idleman had charge of all religious work in a large sector in France during the war and is a man of large and varied experience. The people of Snyder are delighted with their new pastor.

Dr. W. W. Vanderhoff, of the Newark conference, has supplied Perry Avenue charge and also Arlington and he comes to conference with all claims for ministerial support paid in full and an excellent report for benevolences.

In New Springfield, Jacksonville, the Rev. M. H. Reynolds has labored and preached and the whole neighborhood has been helped by h's ministry. The church building has been moved off of the lot preparatory to building a new church. The name of the church has been changed to the "Livingston Memorial." Brother Reynolds brings excellent reports to conference.

For two years the Rev. T. L. Klutz, of Lake Como circuit, attended the summer school for rural pastors at Athens, Tenn., and is at present putting into practice some of the plans learned at that school. There are four points on the circuit and each point asks for the return of their pastor.

It is a delight to visit Winter Park and hear the people praise Dr. Fuller who has supplied that point during the past year. Winter Park church makes the most creditable showing of any year within a score of years and the people act as if they have never had a real pastor before, of course they have had. Dr. Fuller and his good wife are universally beloved in Winter Park.

St. Cloud, with her "Grand Army of Republic" and her army of church workers in the Methodist Episcopal church, is coming to be a place of peculiar attractiveness, especially for people of more mature years. The Rev. Wm. Landis has had a most fruitful and happy year as pastor and the whole town takes it for granted that he is to return.

St. Cloud Circuit has been supplied by the Rev. G. W. Brown, and while the reports will show the work to be modest yet it is destined to grow and is important. This is the first year of real individual religious effort in that particular neighborhood, three miles out from St. Cloud.

Davenport and Taft has been supplied by the Rev. C. A. Miller, of Northern New York, and during the year the people have built a parsonage and have new hopes.

Sebring is the "Lakeside" of Florida for evangelistic effort. They have a revival in Sebring every year, the old-fashioned revival where people get on their faces at the altar and find forgiveness for their sins. Dr. Merrill is not only an evangelist but a financier as well. Going to his charge the first of the year he found a debt of long standing, and, by his own personal efforts, raised enough money to pay off the debt and to make the job perfect kept right on and raised enough money to purchase a handsome pipe organ. Dr. Merrill has had quite a few accessions to his church during the year and a most important accession to his parsonage. May the bride of his autumn days keep the frosts away from his heart when the winter time of life comes.

The Methodist Episcopal church in Zephyrhills is as important in that town as the post office and the pastor, the Rev. Alfred Evenden is

as important as the post master. Under his leadership the people are full of enthusiasm and have accomplished wonderful things along all lines during the past year. The term "Wonderful" is not extravagant in view of past accomplishments.

People go to church in St. Petersburg, Florida, and they also attend Prayer Meeting, that is, at the First Avenue Methodist Episcopal church. Dr. Carnine has the genius for leading prayer meeting and recently more than a thousand people attended the mid-week service and no special effort was made to get them out. The attendance at church services is limited only by the capacity of the house. People go to the church two hours before time in order to get a seat.

At Tarpon Springs the Rev. G. H. Northrup has become a fixture and now, after ten years of service to the people, they are just as anxious for his return as in the early days of his pastorate there. Tarpon Springs has made a distinctive advance during the past year. A change in financial arrangements brought much relief and the people have taken a new start.

At Port Richey the people, with the help of the Livingston Board have built a church and the pastor, the Rev. H. H. Black has labored hard and comes to Conference with a fine report.

The marvel of the Jacksonville district is Oldsmar. With everything to discourage him, and with nothing to encourage him, the Rev. L. H. Shumate returned to Oldsmar from last Conference, but with his characteristic persistency and zeal together with the courage and help of his wife a chapel is under way and at the Fourth Quarterly Conference the District Superintendent felt as if he was in an entirely new community. Large attendance at Sunday school, an excellent choir, an efficient official board all contribute to make Oldsmar the marvel.

The Rev. W. E. Searles, of New York state, took up the work at Belleview when the Rev. S. E. Lawhon was moved to South Jackson-ville and soon found a place in the hearts of the people and things look very encouraging at Belleview and Chandler.

The largest contributor toward the current expenses of the church at Fruitland Park recently, when it was intimated by the pastor, the Rev. W. E. Evans, that he might be moved, quickly rejoined: "If you talk about moving I'll eat you up," and the District Superintendent, when this was told to him, said, "If he does he will have some religion in him." This man expressed the attitude of the whole community. The whole town loves Brother Evans. He has had the best year of the three at Fruitland Park and Okahumpka.

Mt. Dora has probably more enthusiasm than either charge on the Jacksonville district, and a week ago, when the Fourth Quarterly Conference was held, more enthusiasm was shown than at any time during the year. One brother remarked, "The only thing we have against Lapham is, he makes everybody work." Brother Lapham comes to Conference with a most excellent report.

Last, but not in sense the least,—St. Augustine. The Statistician will be far more eloquent concerning the work of the year than I ever could be. Sufficient to say, Dr. Pickard has wrought a wonderful work in Grace church this past year. To hear the terms 90 per cent

and 100 per cent, in connection with increases, is a common occurence. The Fourth Quarterly Conference invited him to return next year.

Work has been undertaken at Orlando, and with some Centenary aid, we will plan for a permanent work there during the coming year. Orlando is a promising field with hundreds of members of the Methodist Episcopal church speuding the winters there and calling for their own church.

Death has come among us once more. During the past year Brother G. W. Butler, our retired member, received his discharge from the army militant and at once enlisted in the army triumphant. A suitable memoir will be presented at the proper time.

In obedience to the instructions of the last Conference, the property at Mineola was sold by the Trustees.

The church at large paid in during the year approximately 70 per cent of the Centenary claims while the Jacksonville district paid in 94 per cent. More than \$100,000.00 was raised on the district during the past year for all purposes making an average of \$33.00 for every man, woman or child who holds membership. An increase of 22 per cent in membership is shown for which we praise God.

One church has been built, one church moved a quarter of a mile and re-built, two parsonages have been built and one Sunday school room enlarged, while individual churches have spent from \$100.00 to \$1000.00 for repairs and improvements.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude to Bishop Richardson for his brotherly counsel and help and also to testify to the fine spirit of co-operation among the men of the Jacksonville district. I challenge any District Superintendent to present a more zealous and efficient and consecrated body of workers than can be found on the Jacksonville district.

For all the success coming to the district during the year to God belongs the glory, to the men of the district the credit, and to the Superintendent the joy.

Faithfully yours,

JOHN J. TREADWELL,

Superintendent.

MIAMI DISTRICT.

E. E. Reynolds, Superintendent.

Mr. President and Brethren of the St. John's River Conference:

In bringing to you my report as Superintendent of the Miami District I wish, first of all, to ascribe all honor and praise to God for the mercies and blessings that have been so constantly manifested throughout the year. I would also express most gratefully my appreciation for the uniform courtesy to me by pastors and officials wherever I have gone. If they have been disappointed in the service rendered they have shown commendable patience in their forbearance.

The Miami District is over three hundred miles in length. Let us go in thought to the extreme southern point, Rock Harbor, on one of the

Keys. Here we have a small property and a few people and a feeble work. The pastor at Florida can give them only an occasional weeknight service. The nearest neighbor northward is Florida City. With their characteristic courage and optimism this little flock in a limited field have labored faithfully to sustain the efforts of their excellent-leader, Rev. E. I. Getman, and hope for his return..

The next field northward is Homestead. Rev. Robert Sinyl'e, D.D., of the Northwest Iowa Conference, has supplied this church the past year. Early in the year he was married to Mrs. Kathernie Ginn, of Nevada, a preacher and evangelist of experience. These excellent people have labored faithfully both here and at Redlands, and the charge has had an encouraging year. Mrs. Smylie was the first woman to be licensed as a local preacher on the Miami District. Homestead hopes to build a new parsonage this year with help from the Centenary.

Redlands is associated in the same pastoral care. It is a small society and has many discouragements, but is pressing on. With Centenary help they hope to finish their edifice this coming year.

Larkin has bad the most encouraging year in its history. Dr. E. D. Holtz has supplied this church from Cocoanut Grove. A new location has been secured for a fine church to be built in the near future. Plans are being developed by which it is hoped that we will soon have a ten-thousand-dollar church in this growing town.

Cocoanut Grove, under the leadership of Dr. E. D. Holtz, who came to us last year from the East Ohio Conference, has gone forward with its new building enterprise in a commendable way. Dr. Holtz expects to arrange for the dedication in the near future. The chapel at North Cocoanut Grove, called Grace Chapel, built before the church was organized, has been sold with the land for \$1000.00, which helped greatly in finishing the new building. The officials voted to call the church at Cocoanut Grove, Grace Church.

We cannot hope, within the limits of this report, to do justice to the remarkable achievements of the White Temple church in Mami. The pastor, Rev. Richard N. Merrill, evidently increases in efficiency as fast as the church forges ahead in every line of activity. This has been their greatest year, without doubt. The total given for all purposes will probably be over \$25,000. There is a well formulated plan for enlarging the edifice somewhat and increasing the seating capacity by nearly fifty per cent. New plans of the Official Board include the employment of an assistant pastor. Through the cooperation of the pastor and trustees of this church, and the assistance of the Centenary funds, we expect to be able soon to secure a splendid location at Miami Beach, so that before long we will be able to open work in that rapidly growing city.

Our church at Allapata, a fine garden section just back of Miami, has, from its inception, been splendidly cared for by Dr. C. J. Ericson, a pharmacist of Miami. He probably registers as nearly 100 per cent perfect in efficiency as any man could who is all the time carrying the burdens of a business in a busy city. The church has had an unusually prosperous year. There have been a goodly number of accesssions. With \$1000 from the Centenary they have been able to complete their edifice and install new seats. The pastor's return is strongly urged.

The church at Fort Lauderdale was left without a pastor early in

the year. For several months Rev. J. T. Morgans, a retired member of the West Wisconsin Conference, living in Miami, supplied here. The second Sunday in September Rev. William Thompson, of the New Hampshire Conference, took up the work, greatly to the satisfaction of the people. The old parsonage, unfortunately located, has been sold and a new location purchased in a very desirable section of the town with land enough to provide for a new church at some future time. Until a new parsonage can be built a small house has been purchased in a desirable location which makes a comfortable home for the pastor and his wife.

Davie, nine miles out in the Everglades section, is cared for by the Fort Lauderdale pastor. They have had a good year. They have beautified their church building and secured new seating, making the place more attractive.

Lakeworth, on the lake of the same name, six miles from West Palm Beach, has a most encouraging outlook. Dr. Stahl has wrought skillfully for six years and will retire with honors, and will always hold a large place in the affection of the people. The church building has recently been white-coated and presents a fine appearance. It is the most attractive place of worship in the town. They hope for a better home for the preacher soon.

West Palm Beach has never before appeared on our lists, but we will no longer pass by this beautiful city. With the assistance of the Centenary, we are to open work there this year. Already we have secured a large and splendidly located lot, on which the initial payment of \$5000.00 has been made. We expect God to bless this new movement.

Wabasso is our next field. Here a decided advance has been made. In the early part of the year our pastor at Eau Gallie, over thirty miles away, cared for this society the best he could. After a little arrangement was made with a nearer charge so that a better service could be secured. The outlook is encouraging.

Fellsmere was left off our list last year, but they have not surrendered to the discouragements that have abounded. They have undertaken to support a pastor in connection with Wabasso, which is but about eight miles away by the new road. Rev. George O. Howe of the Vermont Conference, supplied this field for a short time. Later Rev. T. W. McKinley, of Illinois, a local preacher, supplied for several months. A fine corner has recently been given for a church building, and with \$1500.00 available from the Centenary, they will soon build.

Melbourne has made a great record this year. They advanced the pastor's claim 100 per cent and paid it, and paid all other claims in full. The Sunday school has more than doubled in enrollment and attendance. Brother and Sister Ernsberger have been abundant in labors. We are glad they came to us last year from Ohio. A new garage has been built, and the Ladies' Aid Society has made it possible to have the bath-room fitted up, giving us now a fine parsonage property.

Eau Gallie has seen some tokens for good. Rev. G. W. Carlin has had a large field to cultivate. Although relieved early in the year of Wabasso he still had two out-posts 25 and 35 miles away in which he has gone once a month. Mrs. Carlin has been licensed as a local preach-

er, her former experience as a Deaconess especially fitting her for the work. Faithful work been done here.

Indian River City and Georgiana are small places supplied by Brother Carlin from Eau Gallie. No other work is done in these places so we should try to hold them.

At New Smyrna Brother W. S. Gray has some encouragement and will be expected to remain with the church another year. The property has been improved by a fresh coat of paint and is in excellent condition. We regret that Mrs. Gray is not in better health.

Coronado, a beach settlement near New Smyrna, has been diligently cared for by Brother Gray, and they have had a prosperous year. Several new members have been taken in. The finances of this little church are managed very skillfully. A new stove has been placed in the attractive little edifice.

Daytona Beach has had a prosperous year. To advance the pastor's claim \$1000.00 in one year was a big undertaking, but it did not retard the forward march of the church, and the year closes with a most hopeful out-look. Dr. Rutter has proved to be just the man for the place and is enthusiastic over the prospects before the church in this beautiful resort. It is apparent that it will be imperative that we secure a new building here very soon. The labors of both pastor and wife are greatly appreciated and their return is emphatically urged. The District Superintendent and his family are very glad to have a summer home with this hospitable people.

Daytona has also had a prosperous year. Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Scadeng have been very happy here and have seen splendid results. A new furnace has been installed in the church and other repairs made amounting in all to nearly \$900.00 and the Ladies' Aid Society have expended nearly \$800.00, and the finances are all in excellent condition. The pastor's return is emphasized with a promise of an increase of \$700 in his salary. This shows how he is appreciated. With wise fore-thought the church has recently purchased an adjoining property at an expense of \$4000.00. The rentals will care for the up-keep.

Orange City has a few members and a church and parsonage. It is cared for by the pastor at De Land.

At De Land we now have a most excellent outfit. Here we are being delightfully entertained at our annual session. A beautiful church like this could but make our work prominent in this city. This splendid edifice was dedicated last March by Bishop Leete who did so much to make its erection possible. Since then \$4000.00 has been expended on the parsonage. It has been a wonderful year in the history of this church, and it is very fitting that it should be crowned with the session of the St. John's River Conference.

The pastor, Rev. Lawrence Radeliffe, and his good wife, were granted a well earned leave of absence during the year and spent several months in visiting England and the Isle of Man. They have a cordial invitation to remain in the beautiful new parsonage home.

Many other features of the work on the District are worthy of mention. Several churches have effective Epworth Leagues. The Ladies' Aid Societies are an important factor in nearly every church. Revival

services have been held in many fields with good results. The Centenary has been emphasized, and the Board at Philadelphia has assisted us greatly. The Livingston Fund assistance in sustentation is greatly appreciated. The White Temple church at Miami has also assisted the Superintendent with sustentation funds that have helped him greatly in solving some problems, for which he is very grateful. There have been several retired preachers who have helped me much in supplying the work in emergencies, Brother Morgans, of Miami, and Brothers Howe Hunter and Cain, of De Land, especially.

To all pastors and their wives, and to the officials who have also done much to lighten my burdens, and to all the people for uniform

courtesies, I am greatly indebted and very thankful.

· Very sincerely, your brother in Jesus,

E. ELLSWORTH REYNOLDS.

EVERGLADES DISTRICT.

L. S. Rader, Superintendent.

Permit me to record first of all, my thankfulness to God for the privilege of another year's service in trying to establish His Kingdom in one of the needy places of the world my Lord died to save. I am also thankful to the church which gave me as my field of service, the Everglades District.

We do not claim to have accomplished great things this first year of its history, for there were impossible barriers in the way of rapid development. The year was well advanced before funds from the Centenary for building enterprises were available and then only fifty per cent of the amounts allowed, while we could not get a dollar from the Board to help support the preachers needed on the newly developed charges. Nevertheless, plans are now laid for more liberal support and we see great possibilities for growth and development. According to the plan of Bishop Leete the District extends from Tampa Bay 270 miles south to Key West, and includes a large part of South Florida outside of work developed in other districts.

As Dr. P. S. Merrill said of the Miami District, started seven years ago. "It is an Empire." Centrally located in an inland sea called Lake Okeechobee and surrounded by what is probably the richest land on earth. All the grains, vegetables and fruits of the sub-tropics can be raised in abundance and it will yet grow enough sugar to sweeten America. People in the States have found this out and are coming in increasing numbers. Six great canals have been excavated through the dry land and the glades up to this mighty lake connecting it with the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, along which arteries of trade, passenger, and freight boats go loaded in and out. Along these canals railroads and automobile roads are being built of the rock excavated in digging the canals, and along these canals, and especially at their entrances to the lake, villages and even cities spring up with their demands for school houses and a crying need for churches.

Rev. Perry McClanahan, a local preacher from Fort Lauderdale, was the first of our Church to preach on the lake. I gave him an appointment there last year where I visited him preaching to the people and looking over the situation at Okeelanta, South Bay and Hillsborough. After our

last Conference I began preaching regularly at Hillsborough and South Bay, leaving the other side of the lake to be ministered to by Brother McClanahan. Later I vis ted him at Ritta where we had some wonderful meetings, the people drinking in the Word and turning unto the Lord. Late in March I held some meetings at South Bay where nearly everybody promised to be good and the old-time fire fell upon the congregations. The pressure was great and at one time I preached four times in twenty-four hours. This proved my undoing, for my heart failed me and it has taken me a long time to creep back, physically, to what I was before. However, I kept on, and with the help of Brother McClanahan, we started work at Canal Point, which gave good promise and where we will build a church this year. At least three new churches will be completed this year. All the time I was praying that in some way God would give me another helper able to carry on a part of this important work. Providentially, I was put in touch with Rev. E. L. Housley and wife, returned missionaries from the Philippines, and while I did not just know where the money was to come from, I promised them \$500.00 toward their support, and they came. Dr. D. H. Rutter had not forgotten me out in the Everglades, and finding someone in his congregation who had \$500 of the Lord's money he secured it and sent the original cash notes to me. BLESSINGS ON BROTHER RUTTER AND THE UNNAMED GIVER OF THAT MONEY.

The Housleys have been faithful and have done good work at Okeelanta, South Bay, Hillsborough and Canal Point. They have had to sacrifice to live within their very meager income.

Early in February, Brother McClanahan and I purchased a power boat and fitted it out for work around the lake, but it was badly damaged in a storm and we have not been able to secure the type of magneto which was broken. Through Brother Housley we purchased a smaller power boat which has served to carry them from point to point on their circuit.

Sometimes the waters are rough for these pioneer preachers but they are laying the foundations for a great work. Think of them and pray for them when it goes well with you. I secured two good lots in the right place at South Bay on which there was a small house where the Housleys live and some start has been made toward the building of a nice church structure on the adjoining lot. Suitable lots have been promised us at other points on this South Bay Circu t.

There are many places in and around the Everglades where colonies of Scandinavians, Japanese and Russians have settled as well as American settlers from all the states. But I desire particularly to call your attention to the towns and cities on the South Gulf coast where no effort on our part, in the past, has been made to meet the needs of the situation. Twenty-nine years ago the Presiding Elder of the Eust's District, assisted by Rev. George E. Shiras and Rev. J. LeRoy Brandon, established charges, built churches and paid for them at Port Tampa and Nebraska Avenue in Tampa City. In 1898, unwise councils prevailed and these churches were sold to secure money to put into another church. Since that time, hundreds of our people moved to Tampa and have been compelled to unite with other denominations or remain without church privileges. The time has come when we can no longer afford to ignore our responsibility to God for our share of His work in that city. This last is true of other towns and cities included in the territory allotted

to this district, but I do not wish to name or discuss them at this time.

It has been said that if I should retire from the active ministry at this Conference the territory and work of the district could be divided between the other two districts. But my retirement should play no part in the matter. Surely there is some younger man, who, in fullness of health, would be willing to make some sacrifice of personal comfort, ease and emoluments to go into the hard places to set up the work of Christ and His Church. It would take all the charges in this Conference to make one district in the Northeast Ohio Conference from which I came.

But Florida is a country of magnificent distances and it is not possible that a man, who has to look after the churches of a large territory, should give much time and attention to new, distant and difficult fields.

I have had to do with the starting or establishing of a goodly proportion of the charges of this Conference and I assure you that if the districts I served had been anywhere nearly as large as they are in the older conferences in the North, I could have done but little if any, of this most important work.

Brethren, in this Promised Land, which is given us to conquer for God, there is yet much land to be taken. Therefore, in the words of brave old Caleb I would say, "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it."

L. S. RADER.



Memoirs

Rev. George W. Butler.

George W. Butler was born at Olney, Illinois, July 4, 1841. He received a good education in that state and taught in his native vicinity for several years. He enlisted as a volunteer at the beginning of the Civil War in the 198th Illinois Regiment, serving for four years. He was under the command of General Thomas at Missionary Ridge and Chickamauga, and in the fight at Bloody Pond.

At the close of the war, he was received on trial in the Southern Illinois Conference where he gave seventeen years of faithful service. In 1886, he transferred to this Conference and served the following charges: Fruitland Park, Eustis, Mt. Dora, Bay Ridge and Seneca. As Presiding Elder, he served from 1899 to 1904 when he retired at the Annual Conference held at Tarpon Springs in 1904.

He was married to Miss Frances A. Hasselrode at Centralia, Ill., Nov. 2, 1873. Of this union three children were born.

He received a stroke of paralysis several years before his death and during this period of affliction, he was loving and patient and was carefully and tenderly cared for by his now lonely widowed wife.

Brother Butler was my Presiding Elder for six years: I always found him sympathetic and helpful. His preaching was plain, practical and helpful. His sermons were clear and closely related to his texts.

He was a splendid Bible class teacher; for several years he taught a class at Mt. Dora after he had to give up preaching.

He was in attendance last year at our Conference at Jacksonville, but was very feeble and had to be almost carried to and from the church to the automobile.

Brother Butler died April 12, 1920, at South Jacksonville. The funeral services were held in the Snyder Memorial church in Jacksonville and were in charge of the pastor, Rev. S. A. Keen, who was assisted by several other members of the Conference. Many beautiful floral offerings were made attesting the high esteem in which he was held by those who knew him best.

Our Conference personnel changes so fast that only a few are here today who knew Brother Butler as an effective Elder in our Work. He was one of the pioneers of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Florida and those who knew him best will long revere his memory.

G. H. NORTHROP.

Lay Electoral Conference

January 14, 1921.—10 A. M...

Upon motion duly seconded, Mr. C. W. Kinne, of Jacksonville, was elected chairman and Miss Wilma Davis, of St. Augustine, secretary.

The sess on opened with prayer offered by Dr. F. L. Brown.

The Committee on Credentials was elected—G. W. Guard and Mrs. Wm. Thompson, who reported twenty-one accredited delegates.

It was moved and carried that action on the amendment relating to local representation at General Conference be deferred to the last year of the quadrennium. On motion, the Conference adjourned until after the Bishop's address.

At 11 r. m. the chairmen called the conference to order.

The motion offered by Mr. Guard that we accept the amendment to Article 3 of Chapter 1, and article 3 of Chapter 2, as passed by the General Conference, was seconded.

Motion, by John S. Maxwell, that we amend the amendment as suggested by the Board was seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 21 to 1.

It was moved and carried that we ratify the action of the General Conference and change the name of the Quarterly Conference to Local Conference. The Conference then adjourned until one o'clock.

At 1 p. m. the chairman called the Conference to order.

Motion was made that this Conference request the Board of Bishops to change the time of the meeting of the St. John's River Conference from January to April or May. The motion prevailed.

On motion duly seconded, it was ordered that this Conference recommend to the members of the various charges that Tither's Bands be organized in each church to work for the extension of the practice of tithing. It was moved, seconded and carried that we extend a vote of thanks to the good people of Le Land for the hospitality extended us during the Conference. Upon motion, the Conference adjourned.

WILMA E. DAVIS,

Secretary.

Reports

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

Auditing Accounts.

The accounts of the District Superintendents and the Conference Secretary have been examined by the Auditing Committee and have been found correct. F. N. Lapham, E. L. Housley, committee.

Education.

In this day of great plans and programs we should not lose sight of the fact that we are confronted with the gigantic task of securing well equipped leaders to carry forward the mighty projects of the Church. It is a regrettable fact that the Methodist Episcopal Church does not have a single training school within the bounds of St. John's River Conference. We therefore recommend, brothers, the hearty cooperation of this Conference with all our schools, colleges and universities elsewhere, and that thought and prayer be given with a view of establishing a college within the bounds of our Conference.

Board of Education for Negroes.

The election of two representatives of the colored race to the Episcopacy is a just recognition of the rights and privileges of the race as an integral part of our Church. More than anything else, it evidences our blief as to equality before God regardless of race or color. The change of title at the General Conference from Freedman's Aid to the Board of Education for Negroes marks a new era in our work among the black people of our nation. The passing of the former title is consistent with the passing of the Freedmen—the slaves freed by the Civil war. The new title indicates the widening of the scope of our work in behalf of the black race.

While the older generation of Freedmen is rapidly disappearing, the new generation of Freemen calls insistently for the help of our Church in fitting them for American citizenship. In very self-defense of our country, our African population must be educated and Christianized. Our task assumed at the close of the Civil war in behalf of the Freedmen must be continued until the work is finished.

Illiteracy in both races is a menace to our country. It behooves us as a Church to do our part in the education of the black race.

Americanism, Patriotism and Christianity all lay upon our Church a share of responsibility in the uplift of our Brother in Black.

Evangelism.

It is Gratifying and encouraging to know that during the past year, 185,000 persons were brought to Christ and added to His Church, a fact for which we thank God. And yet, that is only one convert for every twenty-five members of our church—that cannot be counted a big business for a great institution like ours. If "all were at it and always at it" then results would be vastly different. If personal evangelism were practiced more fully in the Epworth League and Sunday school, as well as in personal contact with people, and in social and business

relations, multitudes would be brought to Christ and His Church every year. Take as our motto "as much as in me is, I am now ready" and the desired work is done!

Therefore, be it Resolved, First, as a Conference of Christian ministers, that we will diligently urge our people to observe family worship, that we will endeavor to have our members enlist with the "Win One Legion" and that we shall attempt to have our people make a personal examination to see if they are really in the Faith, and actually belong to the Kingdom of God.

Secondly, That in this year 1921, we will put "first things first" and as a Conference endeavor to win at least 3000 souls to Christ.

Foreign Missions.

There is no part of the earth and its people that is not vitally related to us today. The heathen population of the earth is increasing faster than the Christian population. This is still a lost world. Approximately 1,116,000,000 out of a total world population of 1,600,000,000 are yet outside of the Kingdom. Our Methodism has set a goal. She advanced in China, India, Africa, the Americas and the Islands of the Seas. THEREFORE, it is imperative that every church, instead of falling behind the quota, come up to its full quota with former deficiencies added, in order that the world program of redemption may advance in such a manner as to commend us as "workmen who need not be ashamed."

Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Committee of Home Missions and Church Extension would suggest that the attention of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension be called to the fact that there is a St. John's River Conference and that it should be considered as a portion of the field and that the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension keep in mind the fact that there are three districts in the St. John's River Conference, all entitled to equal consideration, but of greatly varying needs.

Conference Permanent Fund.

The committee recommends that we urge all the pastors to present the claims of the Retired Ministers Permanent Fund to their congregations on or before Palm Sunday, 1921, urging our people to do their utmost to secure the equivalent of twenty-five per cent of the pastor's cash salary during the Conference year.

We urge that this committee be continued or another apopinted to study the successful plans of other conferences for raising Permanent Funds, and, that after such study, the committee devise such a plan as may seem to them best suited to the needs of the St. John's River Conference, which plan shall be presented for consideration at our next session. L. S. Rader, chairman; R. N. Merrill, secretary.

Sabbath Observance.

The demand for Sabbath Observance in this country is stronger at the present time than it ever has been since our early history. The history of our country should prove, to any Christian that this, our nation, has been blessed of God above any other nation. We, as Christians, cannot but recognize our duty in this most important teaching of the Master concerning the sacredness of the day. We, as ministers, cannot but recognize our duty—that of preaching and teaching the Word of God—in respect to keeping the Sabbath. Different kinds of amusements are attempting, and in many cases with success, in foisting themselves upon the public and thus desecrating the Sabbath. We, as Methodists, by indulging in certain amusements on the Sabbath, while they may be innocent in character, may suggest to others amusements which are both harmful and pernicions, and would violate the law of both God and man. May we as pastors of the Methodist Episcopal Church leave this Conference with the determination, by the help of God, to make the Sabbath a holy day.

Sunday School.

We recognize that the Sunday School is the great recruiting agency of the Church and that from 80 to 85 per cent of the Church membership comes from the Sunday School. The Sunday School is dealing with souls at the plastic period of life. We, therefore, arge upon the pastors and Sunday School workers the great necessity of stressing the importance of more evangelism in our Sunday Schools. Especially is this necessary when we realize that 70 per cent of our scholars are not coming into our Church.

We also urge our pastors to realize the importance of training our youth in systematic giving for world-wide work through their contributions in the Sunday School to the Centenary work. Many pastors have found the Sunday School a fruitful field for large assistance in meeting their Centenary quota.

The Missionary programs, prepared by the Board of Sunday Schools, is a great help to this, and we heartily recommend the use of these programs.

We also emphasize the importance of the graded Sunday School lessons and the wisdom of having Teachers Training Classes.

Finally, realizing the great importance of Sunday School work in our area, we recommend that our Methodist Sunday School Board employ an experienced Sunday School worker, who shall devote his whole time to the white work of the Atlanta Area.

RESOLUTIONS.

First of all, we wish to officially welcome to our bounds, Bishop E. G. Richardson as our Resident Bishop, and we pledge to him our most loyal support in all his plans for our area.

Furthermore, we thank him for the brotherly spirit and very efficient manner displayed in conducting the business of the Conference, and we also express to him our gratitude for his practical, thoughtful and eloquent addresses and sermon which cheered our hearts, and inspired us to greater sacrifice in the work of the Kingdom of our Lord and Master. We express our gratitude to Bishop Cooke for his earnest and timely address in the interest of adequate support for our ministers. Also, we register our appreciation of the helpful addresses of the visiting brothers, Dr. Neil and Dr. Downey, Dr. Hammond, Dr. Greenfield, Dr. Fielder, Dr. Housley and Dr. Davis, representing the Centenary and General Conference interests.

We thank the press of the City for the reports of Conference pro-

ceedings the First National Bank for courtesies extended our Conference Treasurer.

Lastly, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Pastor and Official Board of this Church and to the good people of De Land for the royal hospitality extended to us. We assure them that our gratitude is more keenly felt when we recall, that owing to the tourist season being now at its height, the entertainment of the Conference has involved real sacrifice.—Committee.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Our beloved brother, Luther S. Rader, D.D., on account of

impaired health, has requested retirement from active service;

Resolved, We, his co-laborers, regret most keenly the necessity for this action. And in releasing him from a season for needed rest, we express our appreciation of his long, faithful and efficient service among us. We call to mind that he has given thirty of the best years of his life to the St. John's River Conference—twenty years as a pioneer District Superintendent, ten years as Pastor.

In all these years he has, by his exemplary life, his warm-hearted brotherliness, his impartial administration, his faithfulness and zeal in the Master's service, endeared him to us and placed the coming generation of ministers under obligations of gratitude to God for his example and the "works that do follow him." We thank him for all the kindness he has shown us and for the sacrifices he has made in laying the foundations for a greater St. John's River Conference.

R. N. MERRILL, Chairman;

F. W. SESSIONS, Secretary.

DISTRICT STEWARDS MEETING.

The meeting of the Jacksonville District Stewards was called at the close of the Conference session, and on motion of R. A. Carnine, the salary of the District Superintendent was, by unanimous vote, fixed at ten per cent of the pastor's cash salary.

JONATHAN C. WILSON,

Secretary.

MIAMI DISTRICT.

Following the services Sunday evening, the District Stewards were called together. On motion of R. N. Merrill, the salary of the District Superintendent was fixed at ten per cent of the pastor's cash salary.

PREACHERS' WIVES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday afternoon, January 13th, the Preachers' Wives Association held its regular annual meeting in the parsonage with Mrs. Lawrence Radcliffe, the hostess.

The President and Vice President having been transferred, the Secretary, Mrs. D. H. Rutter, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. J. F. Pickard was made Secretary Pro Tem. All joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," after which Mrs. J. J. Treadwell

led in prayer. The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3.90 in the fund. Report was accepted. On motion of Mrs. R. A. Carnine, it was voted to send a note of greeting to Mrs. E. G. Richardson, our Bishop's wife.

On motion of Mrs. Harkness, it was ordered that the note be accompanied by a floral gift. The President appointed Mrs. Harkness to formulate the note expressing our love, secure the floral tribute and present them to Mrs. Richardson.

The election of the officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. J. Treadwell, Vice President, Mrs. L. H. Shumate; Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Harkness; Treasurer, Mrs. William Landiss.

It was moved by Mrs. Treadwell that the Secretary be instructed to have our minutes published in the Conference Journal, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay for the same. The motion prevailed. By request of the President, Mrs. Harkness introduced the new and visiting ministers wives. Miss Clementine Butler, a returned Missionary from Mexico, addressed the ladies in a most interesting and instructive way. By order of the President, the meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Radcliffe served most delicious refreshments and all enjoyed an informal visit, leaving, reluctantly, a delightfully spent afternoon.

MRS. J. F. PICKARD, Sec. Pro Tem.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

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LIVINGSTON MISSION FUND REPORT.

Jacksonville, Fla., January 12, 1921.

To the Members of the St. John's River Conference in session at DeLand in Jan., 1921

The Trustees of the Livingston Mission Fund would respectfully submit their report for the current Conference year.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts—1920.

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January 1st, On Hand	1,405.23
Received for Rents	
Return Premium on Insurance	84.00
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Insurance	40.73
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Perry Avenue\$ 400.0	10
Fairfield	
New Springfield	
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January 1st, 1921, Cash on Hand	2,246.00
	\$25,489.23

Due to the high cost of labor and material the Trustees have not entered upon any new building projects, but have materially reduced the

mortgage on the property held in trust-so that there remains but \$5,000.00 unpaid.

There were some expenses incident to turning over the property to

the new leasees which will not appear in subsequent reports.

The Trustees are endeavoring to administer the trust in such a manner as, in their judgment, will best promote the best interest of the work and invite the cooperation of the members of the Conference in their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. KINN, Sec., Treas.

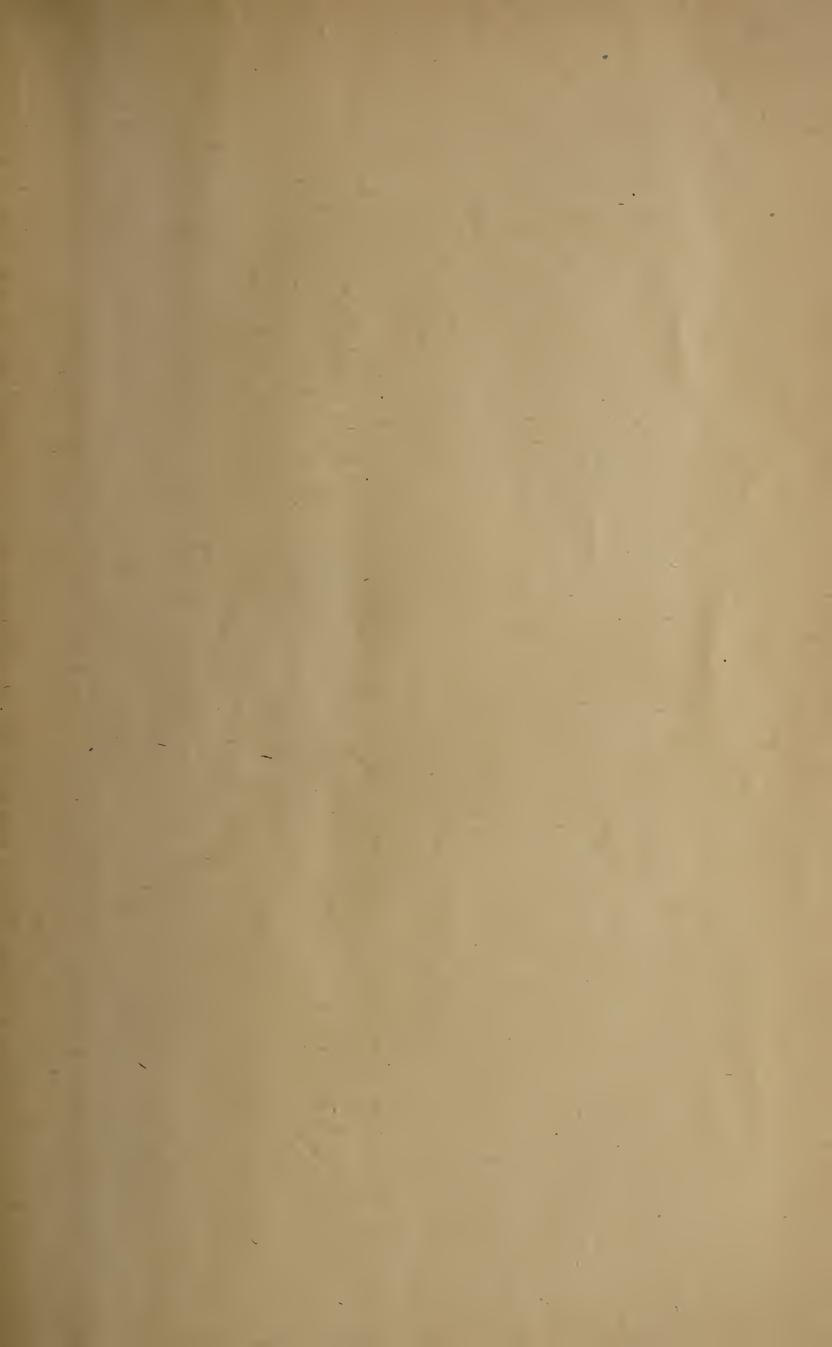
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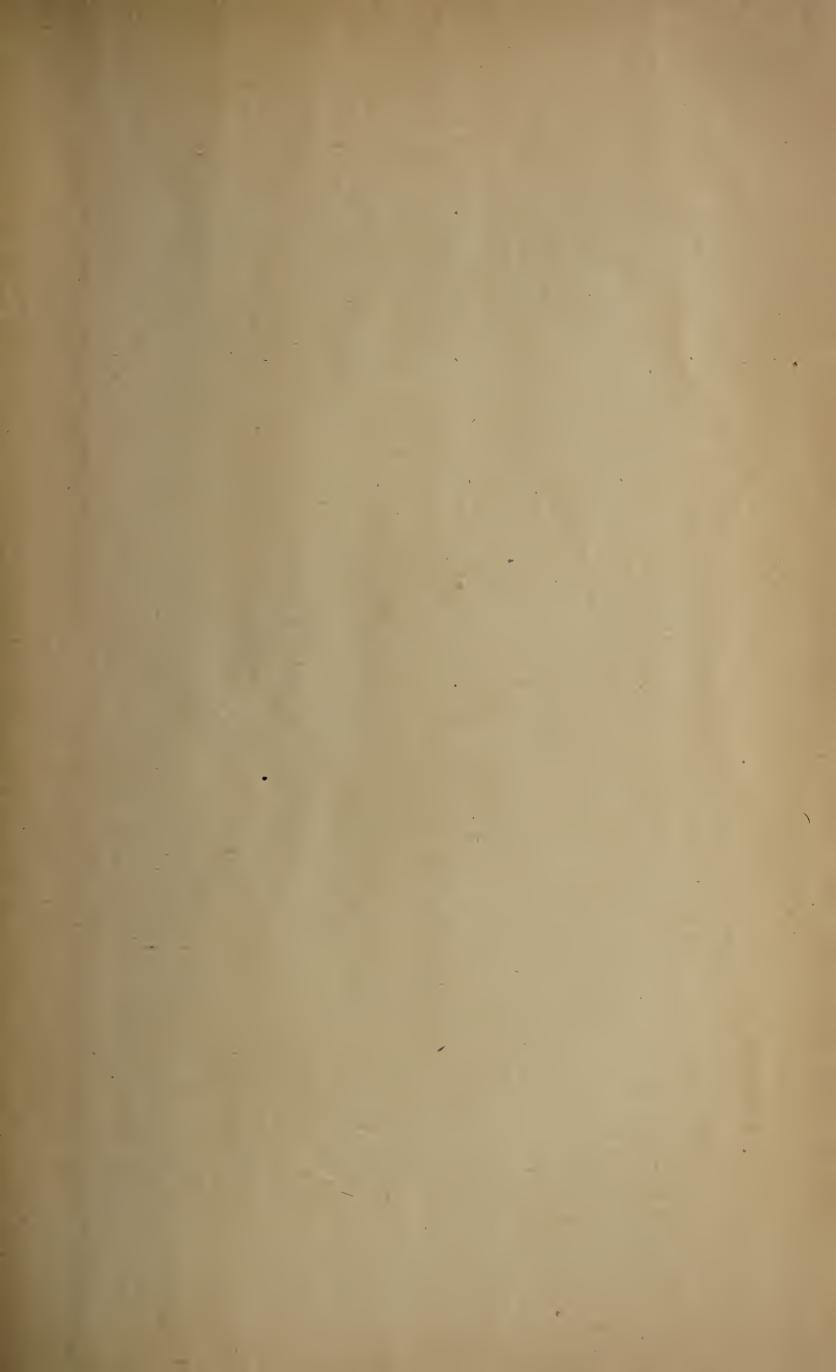
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